

Mass Meeting To Night at 8 O'Clock

The citizens of Washington and vicinity are earnestly requested to meet at the CITY HALL tonight at 8 o'clock to confer with representatives of Hyde County and the Mattamuskeet Railroad relative to extending this road to Washington. This is our last opportunity and success depends only upon our citizens attending this meeting and pledging their support.

GEO. J. STUDDERT, Mayor Pro-Tem.

THEY ARE SCARED

Extreme Ballingerites Afraid to Report

NEXT MEETING WARM ONE

THEY ARE AFRAID THAT ANY REPORT AT THIS TIME WILL HURT THE ADMINISTRATION. WARM TIME EXPECTED IN COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 8.—United States Senator Duncan Fletcher of Florida, indignantly repudiated a story in circulation here and in Minneapolis today that the split in the Ballinger-Pinchot committee, which has precipitated a situation likely to delay ultimate decision of the issue for months, was deliberately planned in order to avoid having to bring matters to a head at this time.

Senator Nelson would not discuss the statement being so widely circulated that strenuous efforts from Washington reached the committee's rooms, that some way out be found for the present, when the fact had been learned that the majority of the investigating committee would probably vote to oust Ballinger.

The situation developed out of Gifford Pinchot's extraordinary popularity in the national conservation congress and in the banquets and other functions now being held here, caused some strenuous communications to pass between Senator Nelson and high Washington officials during the last few days, if the information obtained today is correct.

Senator Nelson is said to have pointed out that the exoneration of Ballinger and shelving Pinchot, or even the mildest criticism of the latter in a report at this time might and probably would make him a martyr and in a greater sense than ever a public idol.

The two factions in the split committee are meeting today in Minneapolis for informal discussion of the situation.

That tomorrow's meeting will be a warm one is declared by all members now on the ground.

At the same time the democratic members of the committee and their opponents in the Ballinger report are evidently the best of friends for they hop nob together during the evenings and apparently confine whatever hostility they may feel to the inside of the committee room.

Senator Fletcher of Florida, and Representative Graham of Illinois, began work early today in the preparation of the report to be presented to the committee's consideration when it meets tomorrow.

The views of the so-called minority in a report to congress will hardly meet with approval here in time for the session discussion of the report is expected to furnish the excuse for a grand mix-up, an adjournment to Washington and indefinite postponement of the issue.

"I don't know a thing about it," said Gifford Pinchot today. "I have carefully refrained from asking any questions."

First Cotton.

Mr. E. O. Langley brought to the city this morning the first cotton of the season. He sold 1850 pounds at six cents per pound.

John Brown in Hall of Fame

Kansas is entertaining the notion of placing a statue of John Brown in Statuary Hall in the national capitol.

The movement gains definition through the sentimental impulse of recent doing at Osawatimie. Whereupon the Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer, in a beautiful tribute to Robert E. Lee, questions of the South will hold toward the John Brown proposal an attitude similarly magnanimous with that of the North toward the commemoration of the great Virginian.

Candidly, were we in the shoes of the Sunflower State, we would not place a statue of John Brown in the national capitol.

But Kansas knows her own mind, and Kansas has her own privilege of doing as she pleases. There is really no room for questioning or discussion in the premises. The principle involved was settled, with apparent finality, by the recent ruling of the attorney general and the president, in case of the Lee statue.

At the instigation of a few hot-heads and irreconcilables, these high officials exhaustively investigated the question involved in the issue, and handed down the decision that the matter of selection rested unequivocally with the individual States.

That the administration has been accused of double dealing is, of course, based on sense and justice; there is neither sense, good taste nor justice in going back of it.

The selections of Kansas for her two places in Statuary Hall, at the capitol, is no more our business than is the plan of a few misguided New York zealots to replace the statue of George III, dismantled by revolutionary enthusiasts, with a new one, despite the fact that George III was the gentleman who did his feeble-minded best to keep America a British dependency.

Therefore, while there will be no setting-off of fireworks or spouting of congratulatory oratory in the South of the gentleman whose "soul goes marching on" is thus honored by Kansas, there will be no unseemly protest or narrow-minded sectional vapid.

The day for that sort of thing is past. Toleration is today the national key-note. And a cardinal constituent of toleration is the policy of "laissez faire," which, being liberally interpreted, means "tend to your own business and hands off other people's."—Atlanta Constitution.

James H. Tillman Critically Ill

Asheville, Sept. 8.—James H. Tillman, former lieutenant governor of South Carolina and the slayer of Mr. N. G. Gonzales, the former editor of the Columbia State, was brought to Asheville this morning from Edgefield, S. C., in a serious condition.

In fact, it is said that Tillman is suffering from that dreaded disease, tuberculosis; that he spent some months in the west in search of health; that he returned to his home in South Carolina and growing worse was brought to Asheville this morning in the hope that the climate of this section would be beneficial.

He was taken from the train this morning on a stretcher and while realizing that he was a dangerously ill man he nevertheless maintains his composure.

If you are to learn how to add 20 to 15 and make it 26 be an old maid.

BODY IS IDENTIFIED

The Crippen Trial is Now Progress

DAMAGING TESTIMONY

CROWD OF 10,000 PERSONS SURROUNDS COURT BUILDING TO GET A SIGHT OF DR. CRIPPEN. POLICE HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME PRESERVING ORDER.

London, Sept. 8.—The crown today began laying the foundation of the case against Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen, accused of the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore.

With the resumption of his hearing in the Bow street police court, Prosecutor Travers Humphries set out to establish the corpus delicti. Behind him was an array of witnesses ready to testify that the remains found buried in quick lime in the cellar of 39 Hilldroy Crescent, north London, on July 13, were those of Mrs. Crippen.

A crowd of 10,000 persons surrounded the court building, hundreds having stayed by their posts for the chance of seeing the defendant.

The police had a difficult time as on Tuesday to handle the crowds. So great was the crush at one time that several women fainted.

The first witness called was Mrs. Smythson, a professional friend of Belle Elmore, associated with her in the London Music hall artists guild, of which the slain woman was a trustee.

"I last saw Belle Elmore on January 26," said the witness. "She appeared in good health and her manner was normal. Later I saw Ethel LeNeve at a ball attended by many theatrical people. She wore Mrs. Crippen's brooch and the fact attracted much attention. To those who questioned him then, Crippen said that his wife had gone to California.

"I saw Crippen after the death of Belle Elmore had been announced in the London Era. He said then that he intended to bring his wife's ashes back to London, and have a ceremony performed over them here.

"He gave me the address of his son, Hawley O. Crippen, in Los Angeles, Cal., where he is employed by a telegraph company. Crippen said that a letter of sympathy might be sent there.

The last time I saw Crippen before his arrest was on May 18. At that time he told me that his wife had been cremated and he had received the ashes. He led me to believe that she had died in Los Angeles, but he appeared reticent. It was only after I had asked him three times and pressed the point that he told me the address where she died, according to his story.

Mrs. Harrison, another theatrical friend, testified that she knew Mrs. Crippen had undergone an operation because she had seen the scar. The prosecution had decided, according to statements made this morning, to rely largely on this scar in establishing the identity, its description being identical with that of a scar on the remains.

The sale of five grains of hyoscine the deadly heart poison, traces of which were found by the chemical analysis, was sworn to by Kirby, clerk for a wholesale drug firm.

"Dr. Crippen bought the five grains on January 19," he said. "He betrayed no nervousness. I sold it to him because I knew him, and he had bought from us before.

The drug clerk said Crippen signed the poison register in a firm hand. "Nervous, per H. H. Crippen, for purpose of homeopathic preparations."

Crippen was twice London representative of the American Homeopathic drug house of Munyon. "In the last year," continued the witness, Crippen bought numerous

EDUCATION

County Board of Education in Regular Session.

PREPARATIONS ADVANCE

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 8.—Here conferring with Chairman A. H. Eller at the state democratic headquarters is H. N. Page, congressman from the Seventh district and member of the national democratic congressional campaign committee.

He says the outlook for democratic control is brightening every day, the fight between the two wings of the Republican party in many parts of the country giving every assurance of the election of democratic congressmen from many districts heretofore considered rock-ribbed Republican.

The trend in the Northwest and in the New England states, too, he says is decidedly toward Democracy as the dominant political principles.

He says that his observation of the conditions in this state are that the Republicans under the leadership of Congressman Morehead with ex-Senator Marion Butler and "coach" are organizing with a thoroughness that they have not attempted in a long time with a determination to get a fair vote.

He declares that Democrats must realize that they are up against fight in this state and that forces must be organized so that they will be yet other gains in the strength of the democratic party in this state. He is anxious especially for the fall vote to be cast, work to this end being especially necessary in those counties of the state that are overwhelmingly democratic.

He says that in many localities large numbers of republicans are being found who are disgusted with the elevation of newest converts to the party to nominations to the highest offices and at the return of the Butler interests to control in Republican party affairs.

That the cotton boll disease has appeared in a number of cotton fields in Richmond county and has been referred to by some newspapers as a possible appearance of the dreaded boll weevil in Anthracnose, a fungous disease for which there is no practical remedy, is the finding of State Chemist B. W. Kilgore, of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

He made his examination by means of a number of infected bolls submitted to him by United States Marshall Claudius Dockery, who gathered the bolls in various stages of the disease while he was spending a few days at his plantation recently.

However his own cotton is not affected. D. Kilgore writes Mr. Dockery that this disease makes its appearance in cotton growing in a damp soil during a wet season. And that about the only precaution he knows to advise is for the farmer to not use the seed for planting his next crop.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR

Marriage teaches a woman to stay in harness and a man to kick over the traces.

When a man can grow postulant about his wife's foot she wouldn't trade him for a king.

You can't make a man go to church when he has nothing smaller than bills for the collector's plate.

When one's hands perspire a tiny piece of absorbent cotton slipped into the palm of the glove when putting on gloves will prevent unsightly marks.

This will be found more efficacious than a liberal sprinkling of powder, though, that too, is good.

ROOSEVELT GUEST

Ex-president Will be Entertained by Chicago Club

SCHOOL PUPILS TO GREET

THE HAMILTON CLUB WILL GIVE A BANQUET WHICH WILL PUT IN THE SHADE ALL FORMER OVATIONS IN HIS HONOR EXPECTED TO MAKE SEVERAL SPEECHES.

Chicago, September 8.—Theodore Roosevelt comes to Chicago today. He will reach here around 6 o'clock from Freeport, where he is scheduled for a speech earlier in the day.

A welcome which will put in the shade all the other ovations in the former president's honor on his trip west, is planned by the Hamilton Club tonight.

Pupils from the various schools will be on hand to greet Colonel Roosevelt.

The banquet tonight will be held under the flag of truce, for friends and enemies alike in the Republican party will sit down together at the speaker's table.

Among those who will be there are Speaker Cannon, Senator Cummins, Senator Lorimer, Governor Deeney, Charles W. Fairbanks and Chief of Police Stewart.

Following his arrival the president will be taken in an automobile, with a police escort, to the Congress Hotel where half an hour will be allowed for a lightning change from street to evening dress.

Then the ex-president will go to the banquet room.

A jungle scene made of sugar and glucose will greet the colonel when he reaches the banquet room. It is four feet square and stands five feet in the shape of an oval.

In the center is an elephant with two attendants and Colonel Roosevelt ready to shoot a lion.

Mr. Roosevelt has not given out what he will talk about.

Obedied His Wife.

Former Vice President Fairbanks is reported as saying that while he was on his way home from his trip around the world there was a man and his wife with their little son aboard.

Both husband and wife were very seasick during the voyage. But little Johnny enjoyed ship life immensely.

One day the little fellow did some thing that displeased his mother very much.

By way of punishment she asked her husband to speak to the boy. With what little strength he seemed to have left, he turned and said: "How do you do Johnnie?" —Exchange.

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